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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendices C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.10). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

r figure or series revised since previous issue
p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
n.a. not available
n.y.a. not yet available
— break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—																		
April	8,022	8,777			12.5	7,999	8,566	31,388	33,587	678	702	538	542	29.4	31.6	285	320	
May	9,494	8,760	21,286		35.8	8,940	8,633	37,459	35,165	675	660	576	548	36.3	32.8	292	333	
June	8,995	8,440			35.8	9,381	8,630	41,362	35,689	596	623	459	454	36.5	34.1	283	293	
1981-82—																		
July	9,089	8,898			30.9	10,078	8,610	43,558	34,330	712	719	463	429	37.5	33.4	347	318	
August	8,754	8,161	19,135		39.9	9,796	8,831	42,398	35,577	736	732	570	552	37.0	36.2	344	318	
September	8,040	7,176			36.8	8,471	8,295	33,827	31,041	544	552	478	469	35.9	31.9	363	273	
October	10,223	8,537			37.5	8,572	8,650	34,962	35,201	567	548	623	595	30.6	26.8	385	338	
November	8,160	7,260	21,562		36.4	8,150	8,704	33,480	36,731	510	533	519	489	40.6	37.0	311	265	
December	5,765	7,534			32.0	8,168	8,728	32,445	37,607	564	555	499	522	37.0	39.6	267	246	
January	1,429	1,921			28.5	8,166	8,845	30,702	38,215	631	586	351	518	12.3	37.1	164	397	
February	8,805	8,747	23,448		42.1	7,902	9,004	30,373	37,259	497	527	467	469	34.4	34.7	294	319	
March	11,026	9,588			43.8	8,359	8,518	r31,414	r34,563	661	643	519	499	43.4	38.9	318	299	
April	8,254	9,048			n.y.a.	8,041	8,642	31,165	33,571	601	611	523	515	32.6	35.4	270	320	
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	8,501	8,213	40,453	38,067	655	639	555	535	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	181	208	

(a) Gross mine output.

(b) Metallic contents of mine products.

(c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas.

(d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m				Woollen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m				Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(a)		Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Stocks(d)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1980-81—																				
April	3,939	4,497	818	875	11,145	181	186	312.5	264	427	32,248	77.4								
May	3,713	3,496	596	681	12,973	r199	r200	313.3	213	431	30,505	81.2	29,616	29,636						
June	3,991	3,712	695	764	14,285	178	183	316.0	208	421	20,208	74.1								
1981-82—																				
July	4,403	3,500	737	688	13,386	191	182	317.5	262	394	36,102	79.2								
August	4,252	3,959	736	806	12,287	168	173	319.8	414	421	67,982	82.3	30,541	30,490						
September	3,966	3,446	893	804	12,083	190	171	321.2	570	427	105,627	83.4								
October	4,857	3,997	892	765	11,185	205	182	322.6	692	443	106,676	82.2								
November	3,237	3,153	994	847	11,711	169	168	324.0	669	434	86,230	77.8	31,129	31,108						
December	3,232	3,800	810	801	9,514	184	191	325.0	616	433	55,778	78.2								
January	1,551	3,561	414	825	4,224	179	195	327.6	503	431	33,652	79.0								
February	3,497	3,693	694	616	10,434	195	218	332.6	388	429	r37,399	r76.1								
March	3,700	3,716	r719	r577	12,658	221	207	p335.9	339	424	r45,453	r75.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.						
April	3,489	3,851	524	583	9,851	r197	r208	p338.1	281	453	38,488	78.3								
May	3,517	3,573	419	498	n.y.a.	208	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.								

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month					Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
	Value of total exports		Value of total imports		Exports	Imports				
	\$m	\$m	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.						
1980-81—										
April	1,661	1,705					186	487	1,041	5,762
May	1,739	1,624	2,626	2,498	186	186	424	618	5,858	
June	1,648	1,746			188	188	572	683	5,709	
1981-82—										
July	1,494	1,922			186	186	913	520	4,996	
August	1,689	1,794	2,588	2,764	186	186	546	278	4,696	
September	1,498	1,846			186	186	751	270	4,495	
October	1,554	2,006			185	185	929	755	4,527	
November	1,506	1,813	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	185	185	669	498	4,156	
December	1,423	1,624			184	184	599	780	4,360	
January	1,561	1,750			185	185	687	280	3,912	
February	1,686	1,931			186	186	698	718	3,942	
March	1,716	2,156	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p187	p187	983	1,409	4,065	
April	1,813	1,895			p189	p189	r-852	r2,030	r5,204	
May	1,817	2,227			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	750	1,938	6,301	

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										Installment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—												
April	2,728	2,824			37.2	37.6	11.7	11.9	3,150			
May	2,936	2,871	4,130	4,230	2,890	2,876	1,396	1,497	39.6	39.0	11.9	3,175
June	2,753	2,890			42.8	40.8	13.5	11.8	3,208			
1981-82—												
July	2,880	2,922			45.1	39.5	14.2	11.9	3,251			
August	2,852	2,990	4,293	4,387	2,909	3,013	1,468	1,542	39.7	38.4	12.0	3,278
September	2,937	3,041			37.9	37.6	12.5	12.5	3,314			
October	3,057	3,011			35.4	35.6	11.5	11.6	3,350			
November	3,053	3,026	4,793	4,471	3,610	3,085	1,910	1,606	37.5	39.0	11.3	3,411
December	4,222	3,120			41.0	40.0	12.5	13.1	3,457			
January	2,922	3,146			33.6	41.8	10.2	13.0	3,496			
February	2,741	3,134			33.4	36.2	11.6	12.4	3,519			
March	3,084	3,163	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	44.1	41.3	15.3	3,542
April	3,124	3,199			38.0	39.3	12.1	12.7	3,585			
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			p41.2	p40.6	12.8	12.3	n.y.a.			

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

(c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

(d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: February \$156m; March \$181m; April \$173m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$)(a)		Weekly wage rates index, adult males(b) (1954 = 100)	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, Six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted							
	All males	All females			All groups	Food(d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care(e)
1980-81—												
March			687.2			316.8						
April			687.2			317.7						
May	280.00	n.a.	711.9	1.49	324.7	320.6	326.6	358.5	379.5	341.8	329.0	368.4
June			712.2			326.1						146.5
1981-82—												
July			714.1			327.2						
August	286.60	194.70	717.0	1.46	331.6	334.5	329.2	367.7	286.2	341.6	339.6	372.3
September			721.0			337.3						150.7
October			723.8			336.8						
November	1298.60	1196.90	733.4	1.57	345.4	337.0	338.0	378.7	296.4	357.1	345.6	463.6
December			754.1			340.4						
January			759.7			341.1						
February			763.0	1.48	351.2	341.2	339.6	387.6	304.0	361.0	354.4	474.6
March	p316.50	p207.00	765.6		341.1							160.5
April			765.9		n.a.							

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employers. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see August issue of *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base: December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) '000 units		Materials used in building other than house building(b)	Materials used in house building(c)	Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)	
	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	New buildings and structures	Other new capital equipment
	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—													
April	828.2	852.8	13.3	13.4	99.5					352.9	115.8		
May	933.8	893.0	13.2	12.9	134.1	2,835.2	2,472.9	36.9	35.6	355.1	116.7	1,066.4	1,024.6
June	970.0	853.0	14.9	13.4	135.2					357.0	117.8		2,782.0
1981-82—													
July	959.4	912.7	13.2	12.7	178.3					361.5	119.0		
August	873.7	915.7	12.9	13.5	99.0	2,367.9	p2,279.9	35.7	34.5	363.1	119.7		
September	1,267.3	1,212.9	13.5	12.8	318.5					364.8	120.4		
October	915.1	875.5	13.4	12.8	70.3					366.9	117.3		
November	795.9	747.4	12.5	12.0	71.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	370.4	122.2		
December	977.8	1,015.5	11.2	11.3	209.5					372.1	122.8		
January	717.3	952.1	9.4	12.1	132.0					376.3	125.0		
February	744.2	840.1	9.4	11.2	103.2					383.1	127.6		
March	970.1	889.1	12.2	10.8	97.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	389.5	129.8		
April	766.2	791.4	10.3	10.7	80.6					p392.8	p111.0		
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					p395.6	p132.0		

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0 entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m				
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m					Original \$m	Seas. adj. \$m			
	Original \$m	Seas. adj. \$m	Original \$m	Seas. adj. \$m	Original \$m	Seas. adj. \$m		Original \$m	Seas. adj. \$m	Original \$m			Original \$m	Seas. adj. \$m			
<i>1980-81—</i>																	
April	22,552	22,910	26,219	25,536	19,457	19,417	22,603	375	158	129	13.15	4,767	3,345	£			
May	22,819	23,110	25,803	26,348	19,851	19,673	23,265	342	134	131	13.10	1,019.1	4,664	3,310			
June	23,211	23,193	25,935	26,791	19,714	19,828	23,629	339	129	133	13.10		3,653	3,569			
<i>1981-82—</i>																	
July	21,257	23,270	25,977	26,986	(g)20,188	(g)20,133	24,034	373	157	122	13.60	2,693	3,414	£			
August	23,342	23,302	26,126	27,051	20,097	20,136	24,356	320	150	105	14.65	1,274.9	3,459	3,399			
September	23,384	23,293	26,846	27,283	20,504	20,482	24,687	357	156	112	14.60		2,625	4,075			
October	23,646	23,541	27,398	27,572	20,927	20,625	25,004	309	154	107	14.60		2,699	3,305			
November	23,777	23,713	27,639	25,678	20,881	20,681	25,394	308	174	110	14.50		3,752	3,559			
December	24,305	24,207	28,151	27,565	21,154	20,937	25,770	316	164	102	14.50		2,779	3,345			
January	24,425	24,315	28,185	27,484	21,242	21,390	25,768	305	147	87	14.65		3,570	3,865			
February	24,769	24,555	28,452	27,488	21,160	21,572	26,042	322	165	93	14.95	396.6	3,505	3,516			
March	24,458	24,529	28,862	27,556	21,571	21,925	26,378	379	195	112	15.20		3,862	3,859			
April	24,248	24,643	29,278	28,708	r22,348	r22,300	26,709	282	147	97	15.60		5,427	3,682			
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	29,652	30,241	22,382	22,178	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	16.40	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories.

(c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES																
<i>1980-81—</i>																
December	36,061	32,513	3,225	1,859	32,836	30,654	20,528	19,416	5,808	5,603	5,408	5,144	2,566	2,490		
March	31,263	33,120	1,383	1,655	29,880	31,465	19,041	19,944	5,339	5,663	4,993	5,562	2,157	2,447		
June	32,828	34,394	953	1,739	31,875	32,655	20,325	20,481	5,977	5,786	6,228	5,849	2,982	2,561		
<i>1981-82—</i>																
September	35,434	35,738	1,451	1,980	33,983	33,758	21,045	21,142	6,046	6,117	6,170	6,267	2,586	2,808		
December	40,745	36,585	3,746	1,832	36,999	34,753	23,065	21,818	6,493	6,255	7,585	7,209	2,145	2,077		
March	35,282	37,354	1,365	1,817	33,917	35,537	21,362	22,384	5,766	6,125	5,847	6,522	2,513	2,848		
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																
<i>1980-81—</i>																
December	33,057	29,714	2,854	1,630	30,203	28,084	18,978	17,983	5,201	5,030	4,952	4,702	2,328	2,257		
March	28,222	29,959	1,323	1,591	26,899	28,368	17,231	18,060	4,754	5,029	4,464	4,984	1,906	2,166		
June	28,946	30,255	965	1,660	27,981	28,595	18,073	18,178	5,132	4,962	5,437	5,113	2,559	2,202		
<i>1981-82—</i>																
September	30,443	30,909	1,415	1,903	29,028	29,006	18,346	18,422	5,077	5,142	5,275	5,353	2,164	2,352		
December	34,527	30,688	3,654	1,886	30,473	28,802	19,558	18,525	5,207	5,028	6,406	6,078	1,738	1,683		
March	28,809	30,674	1,503	1,961	27,306	28,713	17,780	18,643	4,654	4,931	4,740	5,299	1,984	2,249		
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																
	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises															
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income		Less direct taxes, etc.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Household disposable income (a)	
<i>1980-81—</i>																
December	6,090	6,061	5,707	5,530	4,862	4,194	8,686	6,762	18,457	17,508	2,396	9,375	4,078	26,150		
March	6,149	6,142	5,383	5,472	3,688	4,154	6,107	6,749	17,295	18,121	617	7,579	5,066	20,426		
June	6,489	6,617	5,775	5,707	3,989	4,225	5,743	6,880	18,703	18,945	200	9,595	7,428	21,070		
<i>1981-82—</i>																
September	6,943	6,868	5,470	5,633	4,477	4,472	7,098	7,472	19,644	19,437	677	8,775	4,523	24,573		
December	6,836	6,790	5,422	5,243	5,002	4,309	9,899	7,372	21,179	20,257	2,831	10,509	4,605	29,914		
March	7,271	7,263	5,750	5,841	3,286	3,725	6,776	7,643	20,321	21,177	537	8,713	6,246	23,325		

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)										UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)			JOB VACANCIES ('000)	
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Males	Females	Persons	Survey estimates (c)
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females	Males	Females				
1980-81—														
April	4,256.2	4,254.3	2,509.2	2,489.7	6,765.4	6,744.7	171.7	134.8	69.5	187.9	188.1	182.6	376.0	35.7
May	4,257.1	4,261.4	2,495.6	2,499.1	6,752.7	6,755.1	175.5	132.1	67.8	192.9	182.6	375.5		
June	4,244.3	4,258.0	2,484.9	2,493.5	6,729.2	6,747.2	169.2	120.5	60.6	181.5	168.7	350.2		
1981-82—														
July	4,262.5	4,276.6	2,501.3	2,503.0	6,763.8	6,781.0	182.1	132.8	59.9	196.8	178.0	374.8		
August	4,245.0	4,276.1	2,488.4	2,514.5	6,733.4	6,793.8	187.0	133.8	56.2	199.7	177.4	377.1		34.7
September	4,297.5	4,295.4	2,559.7	2,536.8	6,857.2	6,834.0	194.2	133.9	63.0	209.5	181.6	391.1		
October	4,249.4	4,275.2	2,527.4	2,533.4	6,776.9	6,811.8	185.4	118.7	66.3	199.7	170.6	370.4		
November	4,243.5	4,282.1	2,527.9	2,527.7	6,771.4	6,809.2	185.6	125.1	61.2	200.4	171.5	371.9		36.7
December	4,334.4	4,267.2	2,571.6	2,531.7	6,905.9	6,802.5	206.1	152.6	74.6	232.6	200.7	433.3		
January	4,209.6	4,383.1	2,461.4	2,537.0	6,761.0	6,819.0	221.0	156.0	62.6	238.6	201.0	439.6		
February	4,334.7	4,307.2	2,547.2	2,544.9	6,881.9	6,853.3	236.3	170.3	77.8	251.7	232.7	484.4		33.7
March	4,329.9	4,317.3	2,590.9	2,553.9	6,920.8	6,867.3	216.1	158.2	85.4	238.1	221.6	459.7		
April	4,289.9	4,287.9	2,542.5	2,522.7	6,832.4	6,811.3	r210.1	r153.1	r73.0	r227.2	r209.0	r436.2		
May	4,306.8	4,311.2	2,547.9	2,552.2	6,854.7	6,857.8	p219.2	p152.1	p76.9	p238.8	p209.5	p448.3		

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA (a)
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(`000)

Month	Civilian employees										Persons	Persons	Total Government			
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total							
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females						
1981—																
March	278.3	125.6	582.7	418.9	7.6	6.6	103.7	27.8	972.3	576.8	1,551.1	72.5	1,623.6			
April	278.3	125.6	583.3	420.8	7.7	6.6	103.1	27.7	972.5	580.7	1,553.1	72.5	1,625.6			
May	277.9	125.5	583.0	419.1	7.7	6.6	103.0	27.7	971.6	579.0	1,550.5	72.4	1,622.9			
June	277.8	125.0	582.0	418.2	7.7	6.6	102.5	27.7	970.0	577.6	1,547.5	72.5	1,620.0			
July	276.9	126.1	579.3	418.1	7.7	6.7	102.8	27.9	966.7	578.7	1,545.4	72.5	1,617.9			
August	276.7	126.6	578.8	419.2	7.7	6.7	103.0	28.0	966.2	580.4	1,546.6	72.5	1,619.1			
September	276.3	126.7	579.3	420.4	7.7	6.6	103.0	28.2	966.3	582.0	1,548.2	72.5	1,620.7			
October	276.2	128.0	578.2	419.5	7.8	6.6	102.8	28.3	965.0	582.3	1,547.4	72.6	1,620.0			
November	276.3	128.1	579.3	418.8	7.7	6.6	102.7	28.5	965.9	581.9	1,547.9	72.6	1,620.5			
December	276.9	128.2	578.8	414.4	7.7	6.6	103.1	28.3	966.5	577.6	1,544.1	72.3	1,616.4			
1982—																
January	276.6	128.2	576.6	405.9	7.7	6.5	103.4	27.8	964.3	568.5	1,532.8	72.7	1,605.5			
February	276.2	127.9	579.3	419.8	7.7	6.5	103.8	28.8	966.9	583.1	1,550.0	73.3	1,623.3			
March	276.1	128.4	581.0	423.7	7.7	6.6	104.2	28.8	968.9	587.6	1,556.5	73.4	1,629.9			
April	275.6	128.7	579.6	424.3	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.9	967.3	588.5	1,555.8	73.4	1,629.2			

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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